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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of: Gregory K. Otten****Serial No.: 10/709,655****Filed: May 20, 2004****For: ANTI-ROTATION DEVICE FOR
MATING CONNECTORS AND
METHODS OF USING SAME**§
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§**Art Group: 3679****Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody****Docket No.: 22.3091****VIA FAX (571) 273-8300****September 13, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office communication mailed August 31, 2005 for which the shortened—statutory period for response is set to expire September 30, 2005.

ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Office required Applicants to elect for prosecution on the merits one of two distinct species of the claimed invention:

Group I, Figures 1A-5D

Group II, Figures 7A-8B

The Office stated that Figure 6 was missing from the instant Application. However, Applicants note that Figure 6 is included with Figures 2D and 2E on drawing sheet 4 of 14. It is clear that Figure 6 belongs with Group I.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15-19, and 21-44 as represented by Figures 1A-6 for prosecution on the merits without traverse. Consequently, Applicants request claims 3, 14, and 20 as represented by Figures 7A-8B and drawn to Group II, be withdrawn from consideration.

It is believed that there are no fees due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 180584. If there are any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (281) 878-5658.

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